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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified continuation patent application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the heading "PRIORITY INFORMATION," please rewrite the paragraph on lines 4-6 as:

This application is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/599,260 filed June 22, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/289,514 filed April 9, 1999, which claims priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/081,301 filed April 10, 1998.

Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, support for the amendment and new claims being found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

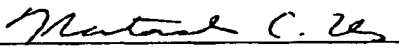
If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 310-8327.

A check for \$3,156.00 for the filing fee is enclosed. Please charge any other fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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